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Natraj Award and Vishwakarma Award for Traditional Folk Artists and Artisans (VJNT)

Maharashtra honours traditional folk artists and traditional artisans from the Vimukta Jati and Nomadic Tribes (VJNT) communities with a cash award, a certificate and a memento.

What you may get

Award winners receive a government-approved certificate and a memento, a cash award of Rs 25,000 or Rs 51,000 given in cash or by cheque, and a shawl or sari piece with a coconut.

Who it is for

Traditional folk artists and traditional artisans from the Vimukta Jati and Nomadic Tribes (VJNT) communities of Maharashtra.

Main conditions

- The person must belong to the Vimukta Jati or Nomadic Tribes (VJNT) category.
- The person must work as a traditional folk artist in social or artistic awareness and similar fields, or as a traditional artisan.

Status

Active

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